

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 542/2000**  
**of 14 February 2000**  
**concerning the export of certain ECSC steel products from Romania to the Community for the**  
**period 1 January to 31 December 2000 (extension of the double-checking system)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part <sup>(1)</sup>, entered into force on 1 February 1995.
- (2) The Parties decided by Decision No 1/2000 of the Association Council <sup>(2)</sup> to extend the double-checking system introduced by Decision No 3/97 of the Association Council <sup>(3)</sup> for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000.
- (3) It is consequently necessary to extend the Community implementing legislation introduced by Council Regulation (EC) No 84/98 of 19 December 1997, concerning the export of certain ECSC steel products from Romania to the Community for the period 1 January to 31 December 1998 (extension of the double-checking system) <sup>(4)</sup>,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Regulation (EC) No 84/98 shall continue to apply for the period 1 January to 31 December 2000, in accordance with the provisions of Association Council Decision No 1/2000 between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part.

*Article 2*

Regulation (EC) No 84/98 shall in consequence be amended as follows:

In the title, preamble 1(1) and (4) references to the period '1 January to 31 December 1999' shall be replaced by references to '1 January to 31 December 2000'.

*Article 3*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

*For the Council*

*The President*

J. GAMA

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.1994, p. 2.

<sup>(2)</sup> See page 35 of this Official Journal.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 13, 19.1.1998, p. 57. Decision as amended by Decision 5/1998 of the Association Council (OJ L 19, 26.1.1999, p. 9).

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 13, 19.1.1998, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 166/1999 (OJ L 19, 26.1.1999, p. 1).